

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-17 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Device adapted to be used with a female recess tool for clamping a mobile element ~~(such as a nut)~~, to be completely inserted in said female recess and to be maintained therein ~~by securing means~~, said device ~~being constituted by~~ comprising

an element having three dimensions, one of ~~its~~ the three dimensions being substantially smaller than ~~its~~ the other two of the three dimensions and being located in a plane perpendicular to ~~the~~ an axis of clamping of said mobile element, ~~characterized in that said element allows the marking or identification of~~ marking or identifying said female recess tool ~~with the aid of~~ by an inscription ~~(4)~~ corresponding to information relative to said tool.

2. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said information relates to ~~the~~ a dimension of said tool.

3. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said ~~securing means employ~~ element is secured in the tool by forces of friction.

4. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 3,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the forces of friction are generated  
by rubbings between ~~the~~ an inner wall of said female recess and ~~the~~  
a lateral surface of said ~~device~~ element.

5. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of~~  
~~Claims Claim 1 to 4~~, ~~characterized in that it presents~~ wherein the  
element includes a shape complementary to ~~the~~ a shape of said  
female recess ~~or a shape circumscribed in the shape of said female~~  
~~recess or a shape included in the shape of said female recess.~~

6. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of~~  
~~Claims Claim 1 to 5~~, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the element  
is constituted by a pellet ~~(1)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 6,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pellet ~~(1)~~ is semi-rigid.

8. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of~~  
~~Claims Claim 6 or 7~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pellet ~~(1)~~  
is made of plastics material.

9. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of~~  
~~Claims Claim 6 or 7, characterized in that~~ wherein the pellet (1)  
is made of metallic material.

10. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of~~  
~~Claims Claim 6 to 9, characterized in that~~ wherein the pellet (1)  
has a thickness included between 0.1 and 1.5 mm, ~~preferably between~~  
~~0.3 and 0.5 mm.~~

11. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of~~  
~~Claims Claim 6 to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the pellet (1)  
is of concave shape.

12. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of~~  
~~Claims Claim 6 to 11, characterized in that~~ wherein the pellet  
~~presents on at least one of its faces~~ includes information relative  
to ~~the~~ dimensions of said tool.

13. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 12,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said information is inscribed on ~~the~~  
two faces of the pellet.

14. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of~~  
~~Claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the securing

~~means are of removable type~~ forces of friction allow removal of the element from the tool.

15. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that said tool is wherein the element fits in a hand tool, particularly a socket (5) or a tube wrench.~~

16. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the element is constituted by a multi-layer material.

17. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the multi-layer material is constituted by a layer of one of plastics ~~or~~ and metallic material, by at least one layer of ink and by a layer of protective material ~~such as a varnish.~~